Army Review Boards Agency

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Serving Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families, with Justice, Equity, and Compassion

- **Acts for the Secretary of the Army**
- **Highest administrative level for review of personnel actions taken by lower levels of the Army**
- **Correct errors and injustices**
- **Policy oversight of Army Prisons and Law Enforcement**
- **15 Boards**
  - **145 personnel required (124 Civ, 21 Mil) plus 90 DA civilian volunteer ABCMR Board Members**
- **Issues decisions based on recommendations from the DoD Physical Disability Board of Review**
  - **655 cases as of 30 September 2011**

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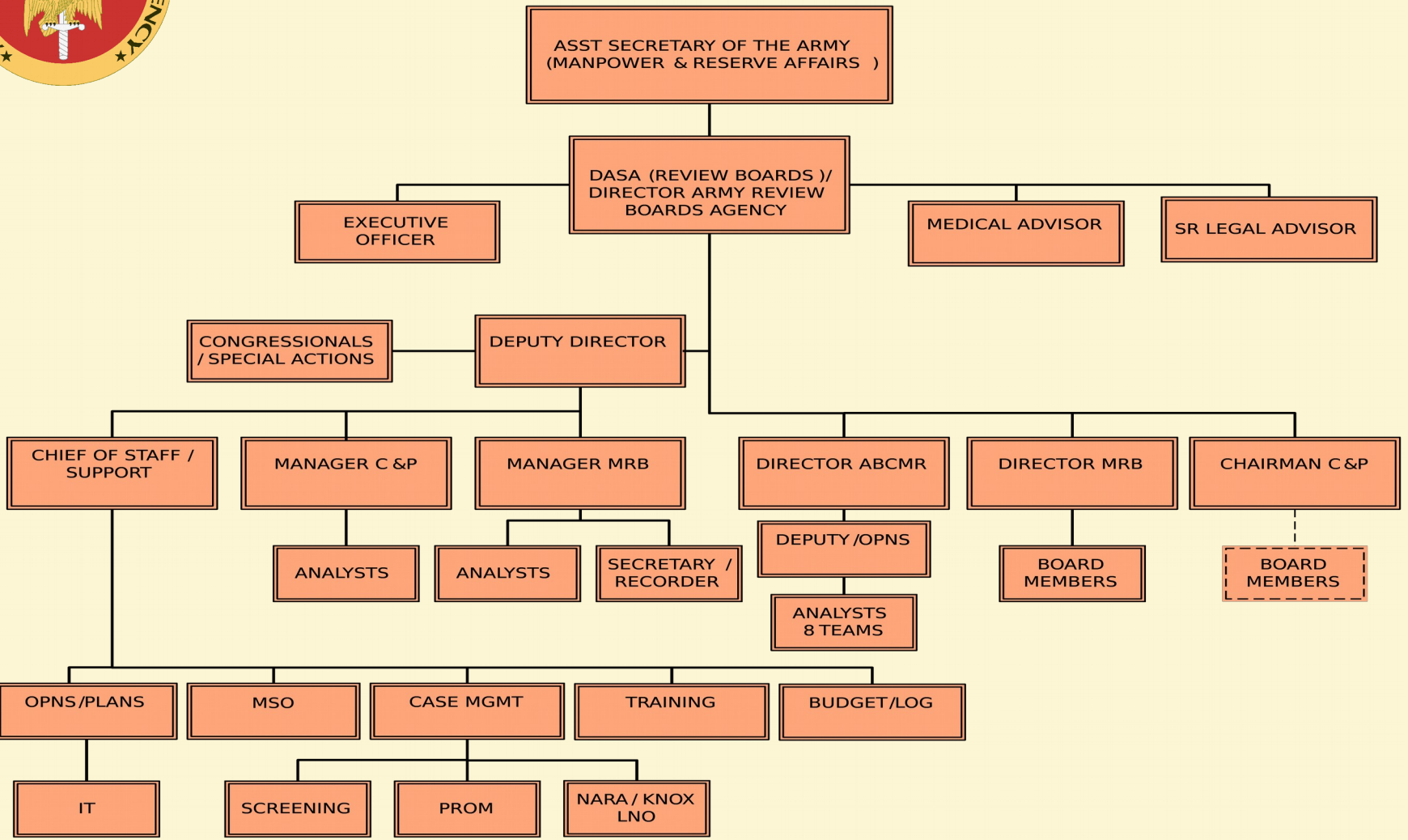

General Procedures for Military Boards

1. Soldier/Veteran/Family Member submits an application
2. ARBA Staff reviews application, obtains military records and advisory opinions (if appropriate), and analyzes the case:
   - Boards are not investigative bodies
   - Applicant bears the burden of proof
   - Presumption of administrative regularity
   - Some cases are administratively closed if not appropriate for Board review or can be corrected administratively
3. Staff analysis and case materials are submitted to a Board for consideration and vote
4. Board determinations transmitted to the applicant and, if applicable, to the appropriate Army staff office for implementation

Army Board for Correction

Board of 3 DA Senior Civilian Employees

The highest administrative board in the Army

established by Title 10 U.S. Code section 1552 to

correct errors and injustices in military records.

Administrative "Supreme Court"

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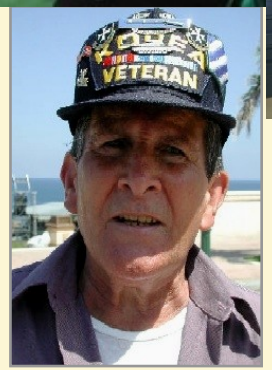

22,436 Cases in FY11

Military Review Boards

- **Army Discharge Review Board (ADRB)**
- **Army Grade Determination Review Board (AGDRB)**
- **Army Board of Review for Eliminations**
- **Army Ad Hoc Board**
- **Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Officers)**
- **Enlisted Special Review Board (ESRB)**
- **Officer Special Review Board (OSRB)**
- **DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DASEB)**
- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)**
- **Army Physical Disability Appeal Board**
- **Army Physical Disability Review Board**
- **Army Disability Rating Review Board**
- **Interment, Inurnment, & Memorialization Review Board (IIMRB)**

Army Discharge Review Board

Board of 5 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Established by Title 10 U.S. Code Section 1553 to review discharges of former Soldiers:**
  - **For propriety and equity in the Army in general**
  - **15-year statute of limitations**
  - **Excludes GCM discharges and disability separations**
- **Recurring Themes:**
  - **Burden of Proof is the applicant's responsibility**
  - **Completeness of applications**
- **Factors commonly considered by the Board:**
  - **PTSD**
  - **Isolated Misconduct**
  - **Discharge characterization too harsh**

4,489 Cases in FY11

Grade Determination and Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Army Grade Determination Review** — **305 Cases FY11**

  Determines highest grade in which a me

  satisfactorily:
  - **Enlisted Soldiers/warrant officers after serving 30 total years on active and retired lists**
  - **Officer grade at time of retirement**
  - **At separation for disability**

- **Army Board of Review for Elimina** — **45 Cases FY11**

  Reviews records and briefs of officers who have been recommended for elimination for misconduct or substandard performance by Boards of Inquiry in the field

Grade Determination and Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Army Ad Hoc Boa** **166 Cases FY11**
  - **Officer resignation[illegible] the service in lieu of general court-martial**
  - **Resignations/discharges in lieu of elimination**
  - **Probationary officer elimination cases**

- **Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Of** **0 Cases FY11**

Reviews official files of Other Than Regular[illegible] (OTRA) officers who are recommended for release from active duty for misconduct or performance

Other Military Review Boards

Board of
3 Colonels / Lieutenant Colonels(P) / Sergeants Major

- **Enlisted Special Review Board (I**
  - **Enlisted Evaluation Appeals and p reconsideration**
- **Officer Special Review Board (C**
  - **Officer Evaluation Appeals and promo reconsideration**
- **DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DA**
  - **Unfavorable Information Appeals and**
- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)**

Category 1-O = separation

Category 1-A-O = reassignment to non-combatant duties

173 Cases in FY11

132 Cases in FY11

478 Cases in FY11

31 Cases in FY11

Disability Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels (1-2 Medical Corps)

- **Army Physical Disability Appeal Board**
  Adjudicates disability ratings given active duty Soldiers in the disability pipeline ref Physical Disability Agency

1 Case Total in FY11

- **Army Physical Disability Review Board**
  Reviews claims by officers r from active duty without pay for physical disability; 15 year limitation

0 Case Total in FY11

- **Army Disability Rating R**
  Hears petitions from retire less than five years) for relief pertaining to percentage

0 Case Total in FY11

Interment, Inurnment and Memorialization Review Board (IIMRB)

NEW MISSION

Board of 5 Senior Civilian or Military Members

1 Case in FY10
None in FY11

- **Recommends whether the Secretary of the Army should deny interment, inurnment, or memorialization at (primarily) Arlington National Cemetery to certain Veterans who may have committed a capital crime as defined by 38 USC 2411**

- **Hearings will usually involve personal appearances by one or more of the deceased's relatives**

Army Clemency and Parole Board

1 Civilian Chairman, 3 Colonels/Lt Colonels/Sr Civilians,
1 Legal Advisor

- **Conducts hearings for clemency, Parole, Mandatory Supervised Release, and supervision violations for eligible Army inmates under Title 10 USC 954 (Parole) and Title 10 USC 874 (Clemency)**

671 Cases in FY11

- **1038 Army inmates in military prisons in Kuwait, Germany, Korea, contract facilities, and in Federal Prisons**

- **Interfaces with:**
  - **U.S. Parole Commission**
  - **Administrative Offices of U.S. C ision)**
  - **The Federal Bureau of Prisons**
  - **DoD Corrections Council**
  - **DoD Correctional Facilities**

Army Review Boards Agency Online Resources

- **ARBA Website: *http://arba.army.pentagon.mil***
  - **Information on ARBA Boards**
  - **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers; ABCMR Applicant's Guide**
  - **Application Procedures and printable DD Form 149 and DD Form 293**
  - **ONLINE APPLICATION!!**

- **Online Application: *http://actsonline.army.mil***
  - **Apply electronically to ABCMR and ADRB**
  - **Guides applicants through the process and provides helps**
  - **Signature page is printed at the end of the online application, signed and mailed with supporting documents**
  - **Applicants can check application status online using the Internet**

- **ARBA Case Tracking System (ACTS)**
  - **Case tracking and management**

- **ARBA Intranet - Shareportal**
  - **Single source for ARBA staff resources and information**

FY 12 Priorities

- **Meet and exceed Congressional Mandate for processing time for cases**
- **Undertake BRAC movements with minimal disruption**
- **Support Secretary of the Army and ASA (M&RA) priorities**

  - proactive legislative and regulatory changes to improve our services
- **Continuous business process analysis and improvements**
- **Trend analysis of cases and systemic corrective actions**
- **Outreach and responsiveness to Congress, Veterans' Organizations, and Army Commands**

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